

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT
ADDICTION / PERSONAL INJURY
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No.: 4:22-md-03047-YGR

MDL No. 3047

This Document Relates To:

All Actions

**[PROPOSED] CASE MANAGEMENT
ORDER NO. ____:
COORDINATION ORDER REGARDING
STATE AND FEDERAL LITIGATION**

1. On October 6, 2022, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation centralized the above-referenced litigation (the “MDL” or “MDL Proceeding”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 before this Court (also referred to as the “MDL Court”). The MDL consists of cases presenting common factual questions arising from general allegations that, among other things, Defendants designed, marketed and distributed social media platforms with designs that promote addictive behavior in children.

2. On December 7, 2022, the Judicial Council of California coordinated cases pending in California state court that present common factual questions arising from the same general allegations giving rise to the federal MDL in *In re: Social Media Cases*, JCCP No. 5255 (Cal. Sup. Ct.) (the “JCCP”), pending before the Honorable Carolyn B. Kuhl.

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1 3. On October 24, 2023, thirty-three State Attorneys General filed a complaint against
2 the Meta Defendants in the federal MDL. In addition, the complaint filed by the Florida Attorney
3 General was transferred into the MDL.

4 4. Additional cases raising common factual questions may be filed nationwide, outside
5 of the MDL and the JCCP.

6 5. Any current or future action in a state or federal court, other than this MDL and its
7 member cases, presenting the same or similar common factual questions as those presented in this
8 MDL is referred to herein as a “Related Action.” Such cases have been and may continue to be
9 filed in other courts as this litigation proceeds.

10 6. The MDL, JCCP, and other Related Actions involve similar allegations and many
11 of the same Defendants such that discovery in the various proceedings on common issues involving
12 Defendants will substantially overlap.

13 7. This Court has and will continue to encourage cooperative efforts to coordinate with
14 the JCCP Court and with courts presiding over any Related Actions with respect to discovery and
15 pretrial proceedings to reduce costs and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort. However, while
16 there are important benefits to coordination for all parties and courts, this Court also recognizes
17 that each of the courts involved is an independent tribunal, and no party waives any jurisdictional
18 or other rights whatsoever or obligations with regard to case management, discovery, trial setting,
19 trial, or case resolution by agreeing to coordinate with the MDL, including by participating in MDL
20 depositions.

21 8. At present, this Order applies only to this MDL proceeding. Any other courts
22 presiding over Related Actions may elect in their discretion to enter this Order in substantially this
23 form. In that event, the Related Actions before such courts are referred to herein as “Coordinated
24 Actions.”

25 9. The parties in the Coordinated Actions shall work together to coordinate discovery
26 to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort, avoid undue burden and expense, and promote the efficient

1 and speedy resolution of the MDL, JCCP, and any other Coordinated Actions. To that end, the
 2 following procedures for discovery (“Coordinated Discovery”) and pretrial proceedings shall be
 3 adopted:

4 **I. DISCOVERY AND PRETRIAL SCHEDULING**

5 10. Any court in a Coordinated Action may grant access to Coordinated Discovery by
 6 entering this Order.¹ No discovery produced or developed in this MDL shall be provided to counsel
 7 in a Coordinated Action unless the parties have executed the Protective Order that this Court has
 8 entered or a protective order is entered in the Coordinated Action with equivalent terms to the protective
 9 order entered in the MDL or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.

10 11. Discovery and responses to written requests and interrogatories in the MDL and in
 11 each Coordinated Action may be used in the MDL and in each Coordinated Action as if it had been
 12 conducted under applicable civil discovery rules of each of the respective jurisdictions. Discovery
 13 propounded in the MDL or a Coordinated Action shall not count against any discovery limitations
 14 in the MDL or another Coordination Action respectively.

15 12. Parties to the MDL and any Coordinated Action shall be permitted to cross-notice
 16 and attend any deposition scheduled in the MDL and Coordinated Actions. The noticing party shall,
 17 to the extent feasible, provide fourteen days’ written notice to all counsel in the MDL and Coordinated
 18 Actions.

19 13. To the extent practicable, parties to the Coordinated Actions should participate in
 20 relevant discovery meet and confers.

21 14. Nothing contained herein shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver of any
 22 objection of any defendant or plaintiff to the admissibility at trial of any documents, deposition
 23 testimony, exhibits, or written discovery responses provided or obtained in accordance with this
 24 Order, whether on grounds of materiality or any other basis, and all such objections are specifically

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 26 ¹ Nothing in this Order prevents any party from disclosing Coordinated Discovery materials to
 27 law enforcement entities for law enforcement purposes, to the extent permitted under any
 28 applicable protective order or state or federal law.

1 preserved. The admissibility into evidence in the MDL or any Coordinated Action of any material
2 provided or obtained in accordance with this Order shall be determined by the court in which the
3 action is pending.

4 **II. IMPLEMENTING ORDER**

5 15. Any court before which a Related Action is pending may choose to enter this Order,
6 making the Related Action a Coordinated Action, and thereby authorizing the parties to that
7 Coordinated Action to participate in Coordinated Discovery.

8 16. Each court that enters this Order shall retain jurisdiction to modify, rescind, and/or
9 enforce the terms of this Order.

10 **Dated:** December____, 2023

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Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers
United States District Court Judge

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